

February 12, 1962
Calhoun, Georgia

City Council met in regular session at the city hall with all members present.

Dr. T. J. Lance opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved by the council.

Mr. J. C. Baxter was present at the meeting and requested a license to operate a skating rink in the old Fred Daves warehouse building on King Street. Mayor Dickinson instructed Mr. Baxter to meet with the license committee before the next meeting and action would be taken on his request at the February 26th meeting.

Purchase of uniforms for the Fire and Police Departments was discussed at this time by the council. After a lengthy discussion for and against the purchase of the uniforms, Alderman David made a motion that an allowance of \$15.00 per man in the Fire and Police Departments be set aside with \$10.00 coming from the existing allowance and the city adding \$5.00. That the uniforms be purchased by the City of Calhoun, at city standards by the City Supt. and Police Chief. That a bookkeeping system be set up for each person in the two departments and any purchases made be charged to each individual person and any money left in the allowance be given to each individual at the end of the year. That any new man be given a complete uniform and the uniform replaced for anyone that has their clothes torn or destroyed in the line of duty. This motion received a second from alderman Lewis voted on and passed.

Alderman Lewis stated to the council that he still thought the police department should go on an eight hour shift. Mr. Lewis stated he thought the advantages would off-set the disadvantages. Thought it best to rotate the shifts so different men would be on duty at different times. Thought one man should walk and watch the parking meters and the other should ride in the car and do patrol work. After discussion Mayor Dickinson delayed action on the matter.

Alderman Jerry King made a motion that the city purchase a cash and validating machine from the National Cash Register Co. at a cost of \$2,359.24 for use in the Clerk's office. This motion received a second from alderman David voted on and passed.

Alderman David stated to the council that the ladies had been to see him about a sidewalk on Line Street in front of his property. Mr. David stated that he was willing to pay 1/3 the cost of a sidewalk but this was all since he had approximately 1000 feet of property and the sidewalk would be no benefit to him. Mayor Dickinson appointed the City Supt. and alderman King to look into the matter to see what could be worked out.

Mayor Dickinson appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Tom David to attend the re-organizational meeting of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce to be held at the armory on Tuesday February 13th and represent the city since he would be unable to attend at the called meeting time.

Mr. David stated that he thought the city should look into the possibility of building a new library with the help of federal funds. Stated this should be a long range program but thought it should be started soon. Also look into the possibility of purchasing a spot of land that could be used for a landing strip. Mayor Dickinson appointed alderman David along with alderman King and city supt. James Owens to look into the above matter.

Alderman David stated to the council that he thought the city should look into the possibility of building a swimming pool for the colored people and check on federal money available for use in building a community fallout shelter.

Alderman Jerry King made a motion that the City of Calhoun furnish the Veterans of Foreign Wars power at one cent per KWH since this was the rate charged for the year 1961. This motion received a second from alderman Woods voted on and passed.

Alderman Woods expressed his appreciation to the city crew for the work done on the city streets due to the freeze and stated a lot more work would be needed before the streets were brought back to normal.

Alderman Lewis reported that water was standing along Court Street toward McConnell Road and instructed city supt. James Owens to pull these ditches with the patrol if possible.

Mr. Lewis reported that Mrs. Mae Mullins had an apartment at the rear of her home on Peters Street hooked to the water line going to her home and requested that the city not charge her the usual \$50.00 tap fee. After discussion the council decided to charge Mrs. Mullins 2 monthly minimums on the present meter.

Mr. Lewis reported that Mr. Charlie Prather with the State Highway Department had contacted him about a water tap for the maintenance barn on U.S. Highway #41. After discussion the council agreed that the State must pay the regular tap rate of \$50.00 before receiving a tap.

Mr. Lewis reported that two wrecks had been reported in the last few days at the corner of King and Court Streets. He suggested that a traffic light be installed at this corner. Council stated they would study the problem and act on it as soon as possible.

Mr. Lewis reported to the council that Mr. Hastings Scoggins of the Scoggings McBrayer Furniture Company had approached him about making Harlan Street a no parking area in front of his building. After discussion alderman Lewis made a motion that Harlan Street be made a loading and unloading zone from the side door of the furniture store to Park Ave. This motion received a second from alderman Woods was voted on and passed.

Mayor Dickinson stated that Mr. Farrell Palmer of the First Methodist Church had made a request that the city yellow curb the south side of East Line Street in front of the church property. After discussion alderman Woods made a motion that the city yellow curb the area requested and make it a "no parking" area. This motion received a second from alderman Lewis was voted on and passed.

Alderman Lewis suggested that the City of Calhoun contact the Peace Officer's Association, the City of Dalton, the City of Rome and see if a training program for the police department could be worked out with these people.

Alderman Lewis reported that he had contacted the local recreation director about the age for visting pool rooms. The director requested that a pool table be purchased for the recreation department and he would try and get the young people interested in coming to the recreation department to play pool. Mr. Lewis stated he had contacted the Elk's Club, the American Legion and others about the purchase of said table. Mr. Lewis stated he still thought the age for visting a pool room should be 18 years or older with no exceptions.

Alderman David made a motion that the office hours in the city hall be changed to read as follows: Monday and Tuesday---8 am to 5pm--Wednesday 8 am to 12 noon ----Thursday and Friday 8 am to 5 pm----Saturday 8 am to 12noon This motion received a second from alderman Woods. Alderman King, Alderman David, and Alderman Woods voted for the motion and Alderman Lewis voted against. Mayor Dickinson declared the motion carried.

Supt. James Owens stated that he had received bids for a front end loader attachment for a ford tractor. Mr. Owens stated that the present loader attachment had worn completely out and the city needed a new one. The following bids were received:

King Ford Tractor-----\$877.50
Rome Farm Equipment -- 954.20
Shellhorse Tractor Co. 896.52

Alderman David made a motion that the city purchase the front end loader attachment at the lowest bid of \$877.50 from King Ford Tractor Co. This motion received a second from alderman Woods was voted on and passed.

Mr. Owens also received bids on a new truck chasis as per specifications:

Davis Brothers Chevrolet \$2593.97
Owens Prater Ford---- 2633.06

Alderman King made a motion that the city purchase the chevrolet truck from Davis brothers at a cost of \$2593.97. This motion received a second from alderman Lewis was voted on and passed.

Supt. Owens reported the 30 day operating period for the addition to the

filter plant had been completed and the city consulting engineers Wiedeman and Singleton had accepted the plant as being in good shape.

Council discussed purchasing a radio for the new police car. Chief Roberts reported that in the past the men in the department had been purchasing the radio's for the new cars. Alderman David made a motion that the city purchase a new radio in the new police car. This motion received a second from alderman King was voted on and passed.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Approved Frank M. Dickinson

Respectfully Submitted

Calvin Caldwell, Clerk